

here. We are going to bind you under promise to visit from house to house. We can't get along without it, and if you can't do it, we want to know it now. A work which engaged Paul is good enough for you.

"Find the man who thinks himself too important and his pulpit work to important to give time for visiting from house to house. He may keep up a display of fireworks, keep the papers full of his eloquent appeals, brilliant, marvelous, transcendent. Don't call that man a preacher—never think of it. Call him an 'eloquent divine.' But he's a big sunflower. A secular paper represents Bishop Hargrove as asking the preachers at the Memphis Conference, 'Are you going on unto perdition?' That's where he is going.

"If you can't do pastoral work stop now, and if you take the vow to do it, common honesty requires you to keep your vow. Ah, but you are a peculiar man, are you? That's just what we have been trying to find out. We don't want any peculiar men.

"Be careful of illustrations in preaching. If you haven't got one that you have picked up in your observation, and that just suits, and that you know is true, don't use it. If you use one out of the factory, gotten up for the purpose, tell the folks so.

"We don't want cranky men. A crank is a dangerous thing anywhere. One on our well windlass knocked one of my children in the head, and I went and got a buggy wheel and put on in its place.

"A fellow who mounts a hobby rides recklessly, runs over folks. The hobbyist thinks that he's got a brand-new idea and that he is raised up for a purpose.

"One man I knew had baptism for a hobby. It almost made him mad to see a creek. He would have been a fairly good preacher if he had kept off this hobby.

"Some have holiness for a hobby—second-blessing holiness. Well, don't everybody who preaches on Christian graces or duties preach on holiness? We won't quarrel about theory. If you've got the second-blessing theory, don't think you are better than people who don't hold it. If Jesus did not give us any theory about holiness, you must not get excited if I prefer his teaching to yours. Christ says, 'Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.' That will do for me.

"Don't work too little. Don't trifle or waste time reading trifling books. Laziness—I won't call it sin—it is congenital,

a disease. But it's a terrible disease for a preacher to have. That makes him love to sit under the shade of a tree and sing of the 'home over there.'

"Preach in language the people understand. Don't use slang; a gentleman won't do that anywhere. A man must have slender resources who resorts to buffoonery to draw a crowd.

"Don't speak disparagingly of your brethren of any rank or station.

"Don't think that you are kept down and not appreciated.

"Don't get jealous of anybody."

## Personal Mention.

Brother J. C. Cripe informs us that three more have been added to the Bethel church, Ind.

A. H. Holsinger, a student at the University for more than a year, returned to his home at Ridgely, Md.

Brethren J. C. Beal and H. M. Oberholtzer spent the few vacation days at home the former at Ankneytown, the latter at Leverings.

Brother Teeter reports two accessions at Loree, Ind. At Flora, forty-three members were added within the last twelve month.

Brother McFaden reports one accession at Preston, Neb. He promises the readers of the EVANGELIST some thoughts on Seventh-dayism.

A Union Men's meeting is being held each Sabbath afternoon in one of the Ashland churches. Usually three or four young men are appointed to deliver addresses. Three weeks ago the meeting seemed to have fallen in the hands of the Brethren. Brother J. A. Miller, president of the organization made some very appropriate remarks. Brother Darling read an interesting paper on "Opportunity," while brother A. B. Gnagey delivered a very able address on "True Manhood." These addresses will be published in future issues of the EVANGELIST.

The following item is taken from a Dallas Center, Iowa paper. It shows the success with which our women preachers are meeting: "The meeting at the Brethren Church continues with unabated interest many turned from the church on Sunday evening that could not obtain admittance. Mrs. Flora's text on Sunday evening was from Exodus 32:20. The collection was the largest that has been taken since the dedication of the church. How surprised the treasurer was to find ten dollar gold pieces taking the place of pennies in the Lord's treasury."

How is this for brevity: Full house last night. Two baptized.

I. D. BOWMAN.

It's unnecessarily brief, brother, but it tells the story.

Brother J. L. Kimmel preached his farewell sermon at Louisville, on Sunday evening, March 22. The brethren at Middle Branch and North Georgetown have engaged his services for the year. Brother Kimmel took charge of the Louisville church more than three years ago, during which time he has done excellent work. The church has been greatly built up numerically and spiritually, and brother Kimmel leaves behind him a record of faithfulness and devotion which will be a blessing and inspiration to him in all his future labors. We congratulate Brother Kimmel on the very successful work, which under God's guidance, he accomplished at Louisville. May the Lord bless his efforts in whatever field he may be called to labor. We gladly give place for the following notice from the *Louisville Herald*:—"As had been announced, Rev. J. L. Kimmel, closed a three year's pastorate of the Progressive Brethren church Sunday evening. Rev. Dr. Leberman, pastor of the Reformed church, recalled his services in respect to Rev. Kimmel, with whom his relations had always been of the most friendly character. The congregation was among the largest ever assembled in the Brethren church and was a fitting tribute to a faithful pastor and exemplary citizen. Rev. Kimmel's text was "Acknowledge Him in all thy ways and He will direct thy path," from Prov. 6:3. He said that all things were brought about by the providence of God and that he believed it was His will that he should take up his work in the field he has chosen. A review of his work while pastor of the congregation showed that he had preached 16 funeral sermons, of which six were for members of his congregation; performed six marriage ceremonies; made 845 pastoral visits; preached 500 sermons and took 104 members into the church. At the conclusion of Rev. Kimmel's sermon, Dr. Leberman made a few suitable remarks in which he spoke of the disadvantages of frequent change of pastors of congregations as new ministers always found it a difficult task to learn the true nature of his people. Rev. Kimmel has assumed the pastorate of the Middle Branch and Georgetown congregations and moved his family to the former town this week. Regrets are freely expressed at the loss of the reverend gentleman and his family as residents of Louisville, but the well wishes of the entire community go with them."